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Postal Regulatory Commission
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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Docket RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Human Rights Campaign and our 3.1 million members that we serve, I am writing to express our serious concern over the United States Postal Service's proposal to significantly increase postal rates and the debilitating impact on our life changing work. We proudly join the Nonprofit Alliance, the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers and the entire nonprofit mailer community in asking you to reconsider this proposal.

As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights organization, the Human Rights Campaign envisions a world where LGBTQ people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community. For 40 years the Human Rights Campaign has improved the lives of LGBTQ people by protecting and expanding rights for LGBTQ individuals, most notably advocating for marriage equality, anti-discrimination and hate crimes legislation, and HIV/AIDS advocacy, as well as providing valuable resources for LGBTQ Americans, youth and straight allies.

The growth and influence the Human Rights Campaign have been in large part due to our many donors who wish to be communicated with through the mail. The proposed increase, which could amount to more than 7% each year for the next five years – would drastically impact our ability to communicate regularly with our constituents, and raise the critical resources we need to fund our programs. In fact, an increase of this size would mean we would need to seriously consider shifting some - or even all - of our mail resources to other less expensive channels. This would be a loss for us – and a loss for the USPS.

The Human Rights Campaign strongly urges the Postal Regulatory Commission to reconsider its proposal.

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